Special Financial Aid to Uttaranchal

†*558 : SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial aid provided to Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh during the last year and the works on which said amount was spent by both States, separately; and

(b) whether Government are considering to provide special financial aid to newly created State, Uttaranchal and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) In 2002-03, Central Assistance of Rs. 1604.81 crores was provided to Uttaranchal. For the same period, Rs. 1295.27 crores was provided to Himachal Pradesh. Besides, share in Central Taxes amounting to Rs. 374.11 crores was released to Uttaranchal and Rs. 347.63 crores to Himachal Pradesh.

States are expected to spend funds for the allocated purpose. State Governments are responsible to the State Legislature for proper utilization of funds through the State Audit Report prepared by the C&AG of India under Article 151(2) of the Constitution of India. However, if there is any shortfall in Plan expenditure as against Approved/Revised Plan outlay, a proportionate cut is made from the Central assistance released to the State.

(b) The Annual Plan of Uttaranchal for 2003-04 is yet to be finalized. The issue of providing any special financial aid to Uttaranchal may only arise thereafter.

Science City in Punjab

*559. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status of Science City in Punjab;

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the funds released so far and spent on the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) The civil construction work for Phase-I buildings (Science Voyage Hall, Space Theatre, Entrance Gate complex, Parking Area, Roads, Central and Entrance Plazas) is in progress. Construction work worth Rs. 25 crores has been completed against the contracted value of Rs. 31 crores.

A large Film Projection System and Flight Simulator have been procured at a total cost of Rs. 9.5 crores.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Planning and design for the Phase-I exhibit galleries is in progress. Conceptual plan for Phase-II buildings is under preparation.

(b) According to the Pushpa Gujaral Science City Society the Project can be completed by March 31, 2005 subject to provision of adequate funding, as per the approved Project outlay.

(c) The Government of India have released Rs. 35.5 crores upto 31st March 2003. The same has been utilized by the Society.

Face-Lift to IGI Airport, Delhi

*560. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a face-lift to the Indira Gandhi International Airport to improve its aesthetics and raise the service standards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter alia* stating the security management, addition of innovative facilities, the estimated cost and the nodal agency for the upkeep of the Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of airport improvment initiatives are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been inducted at IGI Airport for security function and state-of-the-art X-ray screening machines, Door Frame Metal Detectors and Hand-held Metal Detectors have been provided at the terminal to strengthen security. An amount of Rs. 836 lakhs approximately has been incurred for improvement initiative as capital costs. Airport Director, Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi is the nodal officer for the upkeep of the airport.

Statement

Details of Airport Improvement Initiatives (Launched w.e.f. 15th July 2002)

Actions Completed

- Enhancement in the illumination level inside and city side of Terminal-1B.
- Domestic Arrival, Transit Lounge of International Terminal and International Apron.
- Tout Menace combated through joint efforts of AAI & Police at very senior level.